

(PRE-FILED)

---

By: **Senator Brinkley**  
Requested: November 13, 2003  
Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2004  
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

---

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages - Winery Special Event Permits**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the length of time for which a winery special event  
4 permit is effective; altering the frequency for issuing permits; repealing a  
5 certain requirement for the issuance of a permit; and generally relating to  
6 winery special event permits.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
9 Section 2-101(u)(1) and (2)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

15 2-101.

16 (u) (1) The Office of the Comptroller may issue a winery special event  
17 permit to a licensed Class 4 Maryland limited winery, provided that:

18 (i) No more than 12 winery special event permits are issued to the  
19 Class 4 Maryland limited winery in any given calendar year;

20 (ii) The permit does not exceed [3] 10 consecutive days; and

21 (iii) No more than one winery special event permit is issued in any  
22 calendar [year] MONTH to any given limited winery for use in the same political  
23 subdivision.

24 (2) The winery special event permit may only be issued for an event  
25 which:

- 1 (i) Has as its major purpose an activity other than the sale and  
2 promotion of alcoholic beverages and for which the participation of the winery is a  
3 subordinate activity;
- 4 (ii) [Is organized and conducted by a nonprofit organization or  
5 government entity;
- 6 (iii)] Is approved by the Department of Agriculture and the Office of  
7 the Comptroller; and
- 8 [(iv)] (III) Is held on a nonlicensed premises or a premises on which a  
9 person may obtain a temporary alcoholic beverages license.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 June 1, 2004.